

Comments to Idaho Federal Lands Interim Committee

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Dear Members of the Idaho Federal Lands Interim Committee:

Receiving title to the lands within Idaho's borders is imperative to the future of Idaho. This should have been done at statehood; Constitutionally. Right now the federal government closes off the lands for Idahoan's use; they leave the land in disrepair so that it's a tinder box, rapid with bug infestation in the forest. PLIT money continues to decrease, while school and road funding continues to increase. This is not a good situation!

One of the excuses for not taking title of the land is that Idaho is not prepared to manage the millions of acres within its borders. This is a weak point. Let our loggers log and our miners mine and see the prosperity of Idaho grow.

Idaho is losing one of its greatest resources, its youth. To attract our youth to stay and have skin in the game here in Idaho is to offer a PORTION of the land for sale to our youth, giving them first choice. Let's say a \$1,000.00 an acre with a minimum of a 10 acre parcel purchase. Youth would be 18 to 49 year olds. They would need to be a resident of Idaho for at least one year. They can also take out loans to pay for the land from banks and savings and loans. Now think of this, the State will now be receiving property taxes on the property and a small influx of cash from the purchases. But more importantly, think of what the youth will do with the land for the prosperity of Idaho! Some will farm it, some will graze it or rent it to be grazed, some will log it, but some will start a business of their own on the land or build their first house. Think of all the possibilities that this could create for Idaho and our youth. It's like giving them a hand up on their future and in turn will help make Idaho grow.

Idaho would need to make sure no parcel of land is "land locked". Easements and temporary roads would need to be planned on the parcels for this purpose. This is the future of Idaho! Let's entice them to stay.

Sincerely,



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